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MEDITATION

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Text: Matthew 13:58; Mark 6:6

“BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF”

JESUS OF NAZARETH

One of the names given to the Lord was “Jesus of Nazareth” (Matthew 2:23; John 1:45). An early disciple was surprised when he was told by his friend that he believed that the Messiah had come and He was from Nazareth (John 1:46).

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MINISTRY IN NAZARETH

The Lord Jesus went to many towns in Galilee. Nazareth was one of the towns he visited. This was noted in Matthew 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6). What the Lord did as He visited the synagogues.

1. He read the Scriptures
2. He taught from the Scriptures

REJECTION FROM HIS OWN HOMETOWN

The people in His hometown did not receive Him well. They were upset and even offended!

1. They expressed astonishment Mark 6:2
 - a) Not in admiration
 - b) But in disbelief
 - c) The standard way by which a person becomes a well-known scholar
 - i) To be taught by a famous Rabbi
 - ii) To have spent years under a Master or Teacher
 - iii) The Lord Jesus did not experience this
2. They doubted the source of His wisdom Mark 6:2a
 - a) Where did this Man get these things? Mark 6:2b
 - b) And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, Mark 6:2c

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- c) That such mighty works are performed in His hands? Mark 6:2d
- d) Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary? Mark 6:3a
- e) And brother of James, Joses, Judas and Simon? Mark 6:3b
- f) And are not His sisters here with us? Mark 6:3c
- g) So they were offended at Him Mark 6:3d

THE DEEPER PROBLEM

Both Matthew and Mark came up with the same conclusion. They pointed out the problem of unbelief. This word is the antonym of "faith!"

And He marveled because of their unbelief Mark 6:6a

And He did not do many mighty works there
Because of their unbelief. Matthew 13:58

1. Unbelief is costly and deadly
2. It prevents the performance of mighty deeds of the Lord Jesus Christ
3. Let us be challenged to fight the problem of unbelief!

May the Lord help us to deepen our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that we can have up to 100 people in worship! We are happy to see so many in worship today! May the Lord bless all worshippers, those in Bethany physically and those who are watching the live-streaming of the Worship Service!



GRADUAL REOPENING (From 4 October 2020)

Number of people allowed for public worship: 100 people
Please continue to do the following:

1. Register ahead of time
2. Safe-Entry protocol to be observed
3. Temperature taking
4. Social-distancing
5. Mask wearing

Let us do our part in taking proper care! May the Lord continue to watch over us!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Timon and Charissa on the occasion of their wedding on Saturday, 10 October 2020! May the Lord add His richest blessings!



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Christina Wong. Her mother passed away on Tuesday, 6 October 2020, at 89 years of age.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 118:5-7

*⁵ I called on the LORD in distress;
The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.*

*⁶ The LORD is on my side;
I will not fear.*

What can man do to me?

*⁷ The LORD is for me among those who help me;
Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.*

1. Relating to the LORD

- a) Calling on Him in prayer
- b) Calling in distress

2. Response of the LORD

- a) He answered
- b) He delivered
- c) A broad place (safety) was provided

3. Result of this trust in God

- a) Confidence in God
- b) No fear of enemies
- c) Assurance that God is with him
- d) The wicked would be dealt with eventually

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 11 October 2020

*Text: Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and
grounded in love.*

1. The Lord Jesus Christ

a) He is Saviour

b) He is Lord

2. To have the Lord dwell within us

a) Through faith and love

b) We must seek to be rooted and grounded

NEXT SUNDAY: 18 October 2020

*Text: 1 John 5:4 Victory through faith
For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.
And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.*

POETRY CORNER

1

BECAUSE OF BELIEF

Unbelief creeps in unawares on many;
Faith is dismissed, life is filled with misery!
Unbelief starts with a negative mindset;
It causes stubborn people to be easily upset!

Jesus had grown up in Nazareth;
He had a very humble birth.
He became a carpenter by training;
But His wisdom was most compelling.

His Hometown villagers rejected Him summarily;
Truly, a prophet is not accepted in his own country!
It was dark unbelief that caused this rejection to occur;
There was no faith and there was thus no divine favour.

The Lord Jesus marveled at the people of Nazareth;
He had known so many of them from their birth.
He had wanted to bless the people with Miracles;
But they would not even listen to His Gospel!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Matthew 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6

POETRY CORNER

2

Identification with Christ

Real faith should not only be an exercise of gaining knowledge,
Learning of the laws alone being insufficient, must be acknowledged.

Much more important is to have Christ in us truly dwell,
Appreciate that our righteousness, only through Christ can excel.

This next step demands a faithful heart and a determined mind,
In oneness of attitude, genuine identification with Christ we must find.

A deeper search we must do for the power of His resurrection,
A clearer conviction to undertake suffering for that closer connection.

And arduous it may be for one to bravely determine such a destination,
Nonetheless we must embrace a call to service, suffering and salvation.
With humility we should concede our vast distance from perfection,
And steadfastly press on with faith as the centre of our attention.

Dr. Tan Kok-Yang
Inspiration: Philippians 3:8-14

POETRY CORNER

3

How deep is your faith in God?

How deep is your faith in the Lord
A belief in His love for His chosen;
Is your love rooted and grounded in God,
Or have your convictions been forgotten?

How easy it is to lose one's way as observed,
Distracted by the bright lights luring us;
That we completely miss the true light of the world;
What a sorry state in which to find ourselves.

Faith is like a grain of mustard seed,
Which grows into a thriving plant with proper care and tender.
Likewise, nurture and attention are what our faith needs,
So that it can flourish and grow deeper and deeper.

It has been said that faith can be measured,
By the degree of one's obedience to the Lord.
May we work diligently to follow His Word!
So how deep can be your faith in God?

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Thessalonians 1, Ephesians 3:17, John 8: 12,
Mathew 17:20

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 st floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 nd floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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